UMass Boston Responds to Those Affected by Hurricane Katrina

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Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., shared his first impressions of UMass Boston and talked with students about their experiences at the university as part of Convocation Day celebrations, held on Tuesday, September 20. (Photo by Richard Howard)

By Anne-Marie Kent

The September 20 Convocation Day activities began with a special breakfast in the Campus Center, followed by the Chancellor’s Convocation Day Address: “Inspiring Minds, Inspiring Lives: A Celebration of Reciprocal Education.”

Opening his speech with a new twist on an old joke about mistakenly receiving a sympathy bouquet on the occasion of his appointment, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., acknowledged both the “controversy surrounding [his] appointment” and the “sage counsel” given personally by former interim chancellor Keith Motley— which was to “love this place.” Sitting in the front row, Motley smiled and nodded.

For a place to be loved, it must be known. Chancellor Collins went on to reveal that he had indeed spent some time getting to know UMass Boston, listening to people, observing, and doing some homework.

His summer reading included two key books edited by UMass Boston faculty members: Achieving Against the Odds: How academics become teachers of diverse students, edited by Esther Kingston-Mann and Tim Sieber, and Crossing the Curriculum: Multilingual learners in college classrooms, edited in part by Vivian Zamel. These books contain essays written by UMass Boston faculty members and students about their learning experiences at UMass Boston. "The more I speak with various people on campus, it becomes clearer and clearer to me that throughout UMass Boston inspiring minds inspire lives. It takes a certain type of educator to make this happen, and these books, these authors identified that type for me,” said Chancellor Collins, who cited specific faculty members by name: Reyes Coll-Tellechea, Tim Sieber, Cass Turner, Esther Kingston-Mann, Vivian Zamel, Lois Rudnick, Kathleen Sands, Peter Kiang, Estelle Dosh, and Winston Langley.

Chancellor Collins also recounted several examples of students who inspired him personally, including College of Nursing and Health Sciences senior Entela Topalli, who grew up in a kommer.

By Lisa Gentes

Hurricane Katrina has deeply affected the UMass Boston community—from displaced students now enrolled in classes at UMass Boston, to faculty members volunteering down south, to those with family living in New Orleans.

In a quick response to the crisis in the Gulf Coast, on September 1 UMass Boston offered open enrollment to any student displaced by the hurricane.

“We want to offer our deepest sympathy to the citizens of the Gulf Coast states and reach out to these communities in any way possible,” Chancellor Michael F. Collins said. “We would like to invite students whose academic careers have been interrupted by the devastation a chance to continue their education here at UMass Boston.”

According to Christopher Hogan, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, 27 students, undergraduate and graduate, were enrolled and started classes by September 13.

“We tried to find classes to link to their majors,” he said, adding that the university is working to get their credits transferred back to their host institutions. “Our main concern was just to get them into class.”

The students, some Massachusetts residents and others from out of state, had their tuition waived by the state Board of Higher Education for the fall semester, he said.

New Orleans native Orlando Alcazar had only six classes left to take at the University of New Orleans (UNO) before receiving his undergraduate degree in psychology. The 33-year-old, now attending UMass Boston, moved up to Boston with his fiancée, Bettina Blasini, after they fled their home in New Orleans before Katrina hit.

“Where I lived, two blocks away from where the levee broke, it’s completely destroyed,” he said. He and his fiancée evacuated to a friend’s house in Baton Rouge after Katrina hit. (Cont. on page 2)
2005 Convocation Celebrates Inspiring Minds, Inspiring Lives

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Despite unimaginable hardships and sadness, Entela remains optimistic about her future... deeply grateful for all the assistance she has received from the diverse people and programs at UMass Boston,” said Chancellor Collins. “There are so many compelling student experiences and faculty insights, all of them equally moving and motivational, and all of them illuminating what I believe is the heart of UMass Boston: inspiration so deeply felt that it transforms not just minds but lives, and not just those of the students, but the faculty’s. Ours is a community receiving a reciprocal education.” While he would not “divulge ‘Vision 2020,’” he did outline goals in areas including infrastructure, student advising, university life, online learning, financial aid, fundraising, fiscal processes, and campus climate. The full text of his speech is available at www.umb.edu.

“I found the chancellor’s speech inspiring. It generated enthusiasm and sparked a great deal of energy,” said Noushin Ashrafi, Faculty Council chair. “Faculty were pleased that he showed understanding of the university, its mission, and its place in the broader community. We are hopeful and looking forward to a great year with Chancellor Collins’ leadership.”

Sherry Penney, professor of leadership, agreed, “Chancellor Collins’ excellent remarks on Convocation Day demonstrated his commitment to and understanding of the UMass Boston mission. His enthusiasm about being part of the campus community came through over and over again. It also was particularly gratifying to hear him cite and praise many of our most distinguished faculty for their outstanding work in promoting student learning. It was a very good day for UMass Boston.”


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“Higher education has become a credential and has become a credential of entitlement, and it has become a credential of entitlement, that those who are wealthiest can afford to purchase,” said Guinier, who went on to say that higher education is “deeply connected to the democratic mission of our country because our country depends on citizens who can think critically, citizens who are committed to an understanding of society and are encouraged to serve that society, not just to take advantage of the opportunities of that society to serve themselves.”

Guinier, who voiced admiration for the chancellor’s speech, offered a pointed response to his mention of former Chancellor Gora’s “3 Rs”—the R of “reputation” in particular. She said, “I think that UMass Boston has so much to build on in terms of developing and promoting its reputation. You have the opportunity to change the way we think about higher education more generally. I would hate to see you follow Harvard’s lead,” offering “a credential of wealth, not of service.”

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New Study by Biologist Reveals Error in Global Warming Assumptions

By Peter Grennen

Biologist professor Jeff Dukes can’t seem to keep his attention focused on the here and now. In view of the nature of his research and the geophysical timeline it encompasses, that’s perhaps understandable: Dukes is a terrestrial ecologist with an interest in how the earth’s natural world is affected by environmental change—in particular, rising concentrations of greenhouse gases and the resulting uptick in global warming.

When he was last profligating in these pages, Dukes had revisited the earth’s natural history to calculate how much ancient plant material went into the fuel we use to meet our energy needs today. Now he is shifting his temporal frame of reference again, this time in an attempt to show how the earth’s natural systems will respond to changing levels of carbon dioxide and other environmental factors over the next century.

Using specially designed equipment, Dukes and colleagues from Stanford University and the Carnegie Institution of Washington subjected a two-acre parcel of northern California grasslands to current and predicted combinations of four environmental variables—carbon dioxide, nitrogen, temperature, and precipitation.

The study, launched in 1997 as part of the Jasper Ridge Global Change Experiment (JRGCE) and carried out on a Stanford biological preserve, then measured grassland response to these treatments by estimating plant growth as evidenced by net primary production (NPP)—the amount of carbon left over after cellular respiration.

Dukes and his team admit to being surprised, if not alarmed, by their findings, which are detailed in this month’s PLoS Biology. In the study’s virtual-future ecosystem, elevated temperature, rainfall, and carbon dioxide did little to spur plant growth. “Despite predictions that ecosystems would take up a lot more carbon, that was not the case here,” says Dukes.

The inescapable conclusion: California grasslands, and systems that respond in a similar manner, are not likely to help slow the pace of climate change by storing carbon in new growth.

The researchers are not quite sure why this is so, Dukes believes that there may be some other limiting factor at work—that a natural system would respond as expected if, for example, one other element or condition were present. “In our system, it might be the presence of phosphorus,” he says. “We think nitrogen supply plays the same role in other systems, but we don’t really know.”

Whatever that unknown factor may be, the negligible NPP readings it causes call for a rethinking of the models on which investigators have relied. Says Dukes, “If earlier predictions are not realistic, we have to expect that climate change will come faster and perhaps with a greater magnitude.”

The response of other types of ecosystems has to be taken into account as well. “If other natural systems also fail to sequester as much carbon as scientists once thought,” Dukes adds, “CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere will rise even faster.”

Clearly, there is much more to learn in this area, but investigators are certain of one thing: The more carbon that winds up in the atmosphere instead of on land or in the oceans, the faster the planet will heat up. “Global warming is inevitable if atmospheric CO2 concentrations continue to rise,” Dukes says. “The challenge is to figure out which natural systems will help to slow this change, which won’t, and why.”

Meeting that challenge is a need that grosses more pressing by the day. Scientists know they can look to the past for clues to the origins of global warming, and to experiments like JRGCE to assess how severe the problem will be in years to come, but to begin addressing the problem itself there’s no time like the present.

New Study by Jeffrey Dukes, assistant professor of biology, and colleagues has found some ecosystems are not absorbing carbon dioxide at rates previously predicted. (Photo by Harry Brett)

University Community Responds to Hurricane Katrina Disaster

Rouge, thinking they’d be gone for about three days. He grabbed a few t-shirts, shoes, and clothes, he said.

With his home and car destroyed, and even his college records at UNO flooded, he took UMass Boston up on its offer to take in students hit by the hurricane. He had to piece together his transcript from memory.

“They took care of everything,” he said of the university staff. “They bent over backwards to accommodate me.”

Now Alcazar plans to stay in Boston and graduate from UMass Boston in May 2006. His fiancée is seeking employment as a nurse, and he said everyone they’ve come across has “been wonderful. They all go out of their way to help. When people realize where we’re from, they offer every courtesy they can make.”

The couple is enjoying Boston so far, and even took in a Red Sox game, courtesy of UMass Boston.

“We both love Boston,” Alcazar said. “It’s something new for us. We both consider ourselves very lucky. We got out there in time and didn’t encounter any difficulties. We could be a lot worse off.”

New faculty member Valera Francis, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, lost her childhood home in New Orleans to Katrina.

“My childhood house is gone, that whole neighborhood, where my mother still lives in (our) family home, it was submerged,” Francis said.

Her family has lived in the Big Easy for generations, and her mother, sister, and daughter managed to evacuate to Jackson, Mississippi, before the storm hit. Francis’s extended and immediate family all live in the area.

She said her family was lucky, and all had the means to evacuate before Katrina struck. None had to go to an emergency shelter, but now family members are staying with friends across the country, she said. Now she and her family members are “just waiting for the word” so they can return to their devastated homes and “see if anything is salvageable.”

Two faculty members traveled down to Louisiana to assist with the hurricane disaster relief efforts last month. Bill Silvestri, a technical assistant at the Center for Social Policy (CSP), along with fellow faculty member Michael Faris, flew down to the hurricane-ravaged area to help shelters document the needs of hurricane evacuees.

“One thing that’s really impressive is the amount of involvement of the faith community and how everybody has pulled together,” Silvestri said during a cell phone interview from a shelter in Shreveport. “Unfortunately, because the government wasn’t here…”

The 52-year-old UMass Boston alumnus and retired National Guardsman, who’s worked for the center for six years, is assisting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for about two weeks.

The center, which had done work with emergency and homeless shelters in Massachusetts, is helping the four hurricane-ravaged states coordinate temporary housing assistance for the evacuees.

“We’ve been doing technical assistance nationally for HUD for the past four to five years and we’ve learned a lot through our experience here locally…about how to improve service delivery in shelters so that people get the resources they need,” Donna Haig Friedrich, CSP director, said.

That expertise led the “folks at the federal level to think about us as resources at this time,” she said.

Down in Louisiana, Silvestri, a Quincy resident, said the two staffers are “working with volunteers running the shelter…to assess the needs of the community…and communicate those needs directly to HUD.”

At the shelter he was working at on September 16, about 300 to 400 hurricane evacuees were being helped with housing assistance, he said.

“What we usually do is observe the operation…in order to coordinate the work of several different agencies involved…to coordinate the case-management efforts,” he said.

“Because everything happened so quickly, there was a lack of coordination,” Silvestri said of the multi-agency hurricane relief effort. “One bad thing is people have had to give their information over and over and over again.”

“Our effort is to get everyone using a management information system, and not to have to continuously repeat their information,” he said of the evacuees, most of whom didn’t have identification or documents.

“It’s really coordinated case management.”

He said the goal of providing resources to the evacuees is to help them find suitable temporary shelter. “The idea is to at least provide temporary housing for at least three to six months,” Silvestri said.

CSP has “always specialized in homeless services,” he said, noting that the homeless population in devastated areas could increase up to fourfold.

“Our goal is to move the population into temporary housing so emergency shelters are not totally overwhelmed,” he said.

Efforts on campus continue in large and small ways to reach out to the Gulf State victims. Students raised $450 during the first week of classes, a contribution sent to the Red Cross. Faculty and staff efforts include those of Connie Chan and Carol Chandler, who both provided counsel to evacuees living at Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod.
**UMass Boston Welcomes First Class of Students from Tsinghua University**

An inaugural group of undergraduates from China’s Tsinghua University have started their first semester as students at UMass Boston. Through a collaboration between Kathleen Teahan, vice chancellor of the Division of Enrollment Management, and Dirk Messelaar, dean of the Division of Athletics and Recreation, student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and friends of the athletics program contributed to the success of this project.

The students, and those who are working to make them stay fun and productive, are: Qiu Hong, Zhao Guo, Song Yuan, and Huang Guang. The recipients were voted in by the Boston Area Coffeehouse Association (BARCA) and the Boston Folk Festival on behalf of the preservation of folk music and the advancement of contemporary folk through Folk Radio WUMB and the Boston Folk Festival on UMass Boston’s campus.

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**UMass Boston to Host City Council Debate**

Eight candidates running for Boston City Council will be in- vited to a debate focused on issues facing ethnic minorities, to be held on September 27 primary to discuss the diversity of the electorate in the city and the media that keep them informed.

The debate will provide an opportunity for the winners of the September 27 primary to discuss their positions before the final election on November 7, when four of the eight will be elected.

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**Boston Folk Festival Welcomes Music Fans Back for the Eighth Time**

Maria Sangiolo, Annie Gallup, Guy Davis, David Massengill, Chris Smither, Lori McKenna, Suzanne Vega, known for her hits “Tom’s Diner” and “Luka,” performed at the Boston Folk Festival on Saturday. (Photo by tims of Hurricane Katrina.

“Your this Folk Festival was a true celebration of commu- III

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**2005 Athletic Hall of Fame Class Inducted**

In a ceremony scheduled for October 13, UMass Boston will celebrate the achievements of its 2005 Athletic Hall of Fame class, a group of outstanding former stu- dents, athletes, coaches, administra- tors, and friends of the athletics program.

**UMass Boston to Train Librarians for 21st Century**

In partnership with Simmons College Libraries, UMass Boston will use a $6,400 grant two years ago to offer library and information science internships to minority high school students. “It all started with an idea from Janet Stewart in the library,” remembers Hart. Growing with the participation of Simmons College and a subsequent grant Simmons received from the H.W. Wilson Foundation, the latest grant will fund an internship cur- riculum that will be available to them at the event,” said executive director Pat Montieri, who was named winner of the annual Jerry Christen Memorial Award from the Bos- ton Area Coffeehouse Association at a special reception Saturday night. The award recognizes her work on behalf of the preserva- tion of folk music and the ad- vancement of contemporary folk through Folk Radio WUMB and the Boston Folk Festival on UMass Boston’s campus.

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Theatre Arts Professor Coaches Showtime Actors on Local Dialect

By Leigh DuPuy

Ever see a movie in which an actor has a wandering accent? He’s "supposed" to be from Boston, let’s say, but he sounds nothing like you or your neighbors, and the more he talks, the more distracted the audience gets. The ability to master an accent or dialect is crucial to an actor’s success in portraying a believable, authentic character.

Wendy Overly, assistant professor of theatre arts, knows this firsthand. She has been working as a dialect coach for the new series “The Brotherhood,” slated to air on Showtime in March 2006. The show is set in the Smith Hill neighborhood of Providence, Rhode Island, and Overly has had the task of assisting the principal actors to master the very specific dialect of that area.

"Dialects are reflective of the socioeconomic fiber of the community, characterized by unique phonetics, melody, cadence, and rhythms," she explains. An authentic dialect is especially integral to this project’s character development.

The storyline may sound familiar: two brothers, who grew up in a close-knit, working-class neighborhood, take very different paths into adulthood, one a politician and one a criminal. "I’ve heard it described as ‘The West Wing’ meets ‘The Sopranos,’" says Overly.

A resident of Providence, Overly did intensive field research, using iTalk technology and an iPod to compile several interviews with people in the neighborhood. "I even recorded my daughter’s crossing guard," she remembers. From these interviews, she made compact disc recordings for the actors, complete with drills that helped them to re-create the specific sounds of the dialect and master the "phoneme changes." She then coached the actors one on one.

Trying to navigate between a distinctive accent, which is defined as a national sound, and dialect, which is a regional sound, was a challenge for the project, as three of the actors she coached were not American. "Jason Isaacs is British, Jason Clarke is Australian, and Fionnula Flanagan is Irish," she says. Overly also coached Annabeth Gish, who hails from Ohio, and Ethan Embry, who is originally from southern California. Not only did she have to teach the actors how to fully master the dialect while in character, Overly had to work out how to blend some existing dialects with the Providence dialect. Flanagan, who has a "beautiful Irish brogue," says Overly, plays the mother of the clan. The writers incorporated her heritage into the story, having the character migrate from Ireland to Providence when she was fourteen. "We had to figure out how to integrate the brogue and get these two dialects to coexist," says Overly.

In addition to her preparatory coaching, Overly is sometimes on set during filming, monitoring dialogue with a headset in "video village." She is then on hand to help the actors make any adjustments needed in between scenes or in a retake.

Recommended to the project by a colleague at Trinity Repertory Company, Overly has been on the set since June, working fourteen-hour days, five days a week during the summer months. A relatively new faculty member, she recently began her second fall teaching at the university. Now that classes have resumed, her duties on set will diminish.

Overly believes that when actors are most successful in mastering a dialect, they don’t have to think about it. "The hardest thing to do, for all actors, is to leap from the technical to the organic. And you can’t be fully invested in the role if you are too preoccupied with the technique," she says.

Princeton Review Rates UMass Boston as Best in the Northeast

The Princeton Review ranked UMass Boston as a top institution in its 2006 survey of colleges and universities The Best Northeastern Colleges. Based on institutional data and surveys of students, editors of the guide described the university as “a school about serious learning.” It offers “an affordable option for working adults” and traditional commuters who want “a real education in a great city for a great price.”

The Princeton Review asked 53,000 students to rate their schools on a variety of factors ranging from the teaching abilities of their professors to campus food. Students at UMass Boston frequently praised its small classes, its diverse student body, and its urban location.

UMass Boston was one of 224 colleges and universities selected from the District of Columbia and eleven states—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Visit www.princetonreview.com to see UMass Boston’s review.

$600,000 Raised for Komen Race for the Cure, Held at UMass Boston

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Chancellor Michael F. Collins joined 6,000 participants at the 13th Annual Komen Race for the Cure, held on September 18 at UMass Boston. Runners, walkers, and people of all ages completed the 5k distance and raised more than $600,000 in their efforts to eradicate breast cancer. This is the second time UMass Boston hosted the event. The race, which began at the Clark Athletic Center, followed a scenic route along the Dorchester waterfront. (Photo by Allison Duffy)

Division of Marine Operations Receives Grants for New “Green” Research Vessel

By Leigh DuPuy

With the award of two new grants, the Division of Marine Operations (DMO) moved one step closer to its goal of bringing a state-of-the-art research vessel to UMass Boston. The M/V Columba Point, presently in the final stages of construction, will provide environmentally friendly transportation for education and research projects in and around the Boston Harbor Islands.

The two grants support DMO’s “green goal” of promoting environmentally safe practices in underwater transportation. “We aim to be a model of environmental sustainability in Boston Harbor,” says Chris Sweeney, DMO director. For example, DMO received a $60,000 grant from the State Office of Sustainability to help outfit the new vessel with ultra-low-sulfur fuel, which releases less carbon monoxide and fewer hydrocarbons than does regular diesel. This, combined with new Tier-2 EPA-compliant engines, helps the vessel to “burn cleaner fuel,” says Sweeney.

DMO’s green technologies program also received a $105,175 grant from the Executive Office of Transportation for an innovative water program. The division qualified for the grant by designing the M/V Columba Point to meet eight green technology criteria, including the incorporation of a low wake wash, which is less damaging to the environment and to small craft that operate in and around Boston Harbor; the use of environmentally friendly e-paint; and the installation of recycled rubber tire matting for the vessel’s carpet.

Grants like these also help DMO use environmentally friendly supplies and vendors, which can be more expensive than their non-green resources. When complete, the 110-passenger research vessel will be used for educational and research purposes—for undergraduate and graduate classes in oceanography, for example, and K-12 science education programs. The U.S. Coast Guard-certified vessel will also be used to provide summer marine transportation to Boston Harbor Islands and offer a new venue for faculty and student events and weekend trips.

For Sweeney, these grants not only help to make M/V Columba Point a reality for UMass Boston, but also help DMO attain a loftier ambition. “We want to be a leader in providing renewable source and sustainability for the marine transportation world,” he says.
In September, Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education (GCOE), invited an invited presenta- tion on preparing teachers for urban settings at the AACTE-Wingspread conference “Language, Curriculum, and Community in Teacher Preparation.”

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, gave a plenary address, “English in a Globalizing World,” and presented the workshop “Using Photos as a Tool in Participatory Curriculum Development” at the 3rd Annual Regional TESOL conference.

Chris Bobel, assistant professor in the Women Studies Program, presented “I’m Not an Activist, Though I’ve Done a Lot of It.”

Robert Weiner’s analysis of Moldovan-Russian relations was published online on September 8 by the Eurasian Heritage Foundation, Russian Federation. Weiner is a professor of political science.


Jason J. Evans, assistant professor of history, published an article by history professor and chair Spencer DiScala, was published in September’s Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions.

In September, the Chemistry Department’s Jason J. Evans, assistant professor, and graduate student Xingwen Li published their work on developing a method for efficient analysis of fats in Rapid Communications in Mass Spec- trometry. Li delivered her senior thesis on the topic in July.

Anamaria Frankie, EEOC assistant professor, published the chapter “A Protected Environment in the Adriatic Area: A Key for Sustain- ability” in her book Global Market Briefings: Doing Business with Croatia.

Karen Zimbrich, assistant professor of mathematics, presented the paper “The Impact of Regional Geologic Variation on Robust Groundwater Remediation Design” at the IASTED International Conference on Modelling, Simula- tion, and Optimization.

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, spoke as an invited panelist on “Community, Neighborhoods, Families, and Schools” for the Boston Teacher Residency Program, held at the New Boston Pilot Middle School.

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Disease” in the Profiling of Human Blood Reveals Biomarkers for Huntington’s Disease” in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marlene Kim, associate professor of economics, published the paper “Women of Color and Unions” in the journal Perspectives on Work.

Colonialism of the Lingua Inglesa by Donaldo Macedo, distinguished professor of liberal arts and education, was published by Prentice Editora. He also published the book chapter “O Multiculturalismo para além do Jogo do Positivismo” in Um Estudo de Estudos Curriculares.

An article by Joe Marcone of the Institute for Community Inclusion, “Disability Policy and Employment: Marriage of Convenience or Peace Work,” was featured in an article in the Boston Herald.

Margaret McAllister of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), published “A Health Policy Paradox: The Mind-Body Connection in Primary Mental Health Care Policy Part I” in the Journal of the American Academy of Nursing Practice. She was also appointed as an advisor for the project “Sustainability of Three Universities: An Institutional Case Study” at the University of Hong Kong for the Hong Kong government.

Mohammad H. Tadjuidj, assistant professor of sociology, edited a double issue of the journal Latinas in the United States: Race, Class, and Culture. Tadjuidj also served as associate editor of a double issue of Discourse, Practice, which contained the proceedings of the second annual Social Theory Forum.


Miron Uraiatt of the CEST director, received funding to study the impacts of enhanced marketing and sales capacity on alternative energy admissions to students affected by Hurricane Katrina. Additional coverage included the Boston Globe, NECN, WJBD, WJTY, and CBS 4.

Newly enrolled students who were attending schools in New Orleans, Orlando Alcazar and Ann Shumaker, were featured in a September 14 article in the Boston Herald.

Francesco Carre of the Center for Social Policy was quoted in August’s Commonwealth Magazine for a story on contingent employment.

On September 1 and 2, WRZ AM, WCVB, and WJLT featured interviews with Chancellor Michael F. Collins, who discussed the University’s offer of emergency admissions to students affected by Hurricane Katrina. Additional coverage included the Boston Globe, NECN, WJBD, WJTY, and CBS 4.

On September 14, Michael F. Collins, chancellor of UMass Boston, was quoted in an article in the Boston Herald about the Marxist tradition.

Michael Goleo, assistant professor of management information systems, has been appointed to the College of Management, and the Dragon Distinguished Professor of Physics, Roderick Jensen, published a new book titled "Beyond the White House Conference on Aging."

Professor Connnie Chan of CNHS screened and counseled evacuees of Hurricane Katrina at Otis Air Force Base on September 8 as a member of the interdisciplinary scientific crew aboard the NOAA ship Ronald H. Brown on the “North Atlantic Stepping Stones 2005” cruise. The primary geologist on board, Gontzi joined students from institutes to examine seamount chains extending from the Azores to the Canadian-U.S. continental shelf.

Roderick Jensen, the director of academic support services, was published in the September 2005 issue of the Creative Writing Program, appears in the Summer 2005 issue of the English Department, published "A Health Policy Paradox: The Mind-Body Connection in Primary Mental Health Care Policy Part I” in the Journal of the American Academy of Nursing Practice. She was also appointed as an advisor for the project “Sustainability of Three Universities: An Institutional Case Study” at the University of Hong Kong for the Hong Kong government.

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, has been appointed to the review panel for the journal "Aging, Enhancement, and Application of the Massachusetts Bay Model.”

In August, the Center for Social Policy was awarded an evaluation grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to track the impacts of enhanced marketing and sales capacity on alternative energy admissions to students affected by Hurricane Katrina. Additional coverage included the Boston Globe, NECN, WJBD, WJTY, and CBS 4.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, published the essay “The Flute at Dresden: Realizations of Eighteenth-Century Woodwind Performance in Germany” in From Renaissance to Baroque: Change in Instruments and Instrumental Music in the Seventeenth Century.

A review of Present/Tense: Poets in the World, edited by Mark Pavlik, director of academic support services, was published in the August 2005 issue of Peace Work.

Wednesday 5
Yoga for All
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 3rd fl. For all levels. Students free. Faculty/staff: $5.00. Yoga mats will be provided. Contact: 7-3680 or linda.joogensen@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Basketball vs. University of Southern Maine
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Tennis vs. University of Southern Maine
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Wednesday 6
Monday 10
Columbia Day University closed.

Wednesday 12
Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq: A Conversation with Dr. Larry Diamond
12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center, Rm. 3-3440. Featuring Larry Diamond, fellow at the Hoover Institution and professor at Stanford University, author, and editor. Event sponsored by the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution. Contact: kelly.wash@umb.edu or 7-7423.

Joiner Center Reading and Discussion: Letting Hamlin
2:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, English Department Lounge, 6th fl. Featuring Hamlin, a renowned poet, translator, publisher, former Marine Corps officer, and conscientious objector. He is founder of Poets Against War and Copper Canyon Press. Contact: 7-6580.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men’s Soccer vs. Framingham State University
3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Thursday 13
2005 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Friday 7
Biology Seminar Speaker Series: Plant Stress Response to the Environment: Role of the Polygalic Acid Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in Arabidopsis
2:10 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Adam Colon-Carmon of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6690 or marisa.mahoney@umb.edu.

Saturday 8
The Dominican American National Roundtable: 8th Annual National Conference
4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center. Featuring workshops on health, economic development, Dominican identity, civic involvement, education, government, and other contemporary issues. Registration open at www.umbwellness.org on October 9. Info: damr.org.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Soccer vs. UMass Dartmouth
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Tennis vs. University of Southern Maine
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Monday 24
Diversity Luncheon Series: Education in Social Justice: Discussion of Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Identities
12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bay View Conference Room, 3-3440. Featuring Deborah Cohen and Vail Kahn of the University Health Services’ Counseling Center. The first 20 students to register by October 19 will get a free lunch. Contact: www.umbwellness.org or edna.presley@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Soccer vs. Emerson College
3:00 – 5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Tennis vs. University of Southern Maine
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men’s Soccer vs. Framingham State University
3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Thursday 20
Gaston Institute Speaker Series: Transnational Remittances and the Integration of Authorized and Unauthorized Mexican Immigrants in the U.S.
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, 3-3540. Featuring Enrico Manuelli, professor of economics. Contact: 7-5791.

Center for Collaborative Leadership Presents: A Celebration of the Emerging Leaders of Boston
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Boston Marriott Copley Place. Featuring keynote speaker Edmund “Ed” Kelly, group chairman, president, and CEO of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Reservations and tickets are required. Contact: leader@umb.edu.

College of Management Presents: Senior Executive Forum: Dynamic Role of Information Technology in Organizations
6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor’s Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Ed Ward, president of information technology, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-7734.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Volleyball vs. Roger Williams University
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women’s Soccer vs. Regis College
3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Saturday 29
UMass Boston Beacons: Men’s Soccer vs. Keene State College
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Miscellaneous
Alcohols Anonymous Meeting
Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 4-4201. Meeting for people involved in recovery from alcohol or drug abuse. All are welcome. Contact: Sean Greene, 7-7981, sgreene@umb.edu.

Campus Ministry
Midnight Eucharist: includes interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic Mass, Christian eucharital worship, justice coalitions workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry.

Clark Athletic Center
See www.athletics.umb.edu for schedules, results, rosters, coaches, building hours, community member program, University Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

CPR Classes/Certification
October 4 and October 19. Class for non-health-care providers open to UMass Boston community members. Class is free; $10 for a certification card. All participants must give one-week notice to cancel registration. Classes run through December. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umbwellness.org/cpr.htm or linda.joogensen@umb.edu.

Institutional Technology Center (ITC)
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.umb.itc.umb.edu, or contact 7-2990.

Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR)
MODR is a new institute on campus whose mission is to provide leadership in dispute system research, design, and training through economic and policy research and practice. MODR promotes conflict management practice in all sectors. Visit the office in McCormack Hall, 1-627.

Overaters Anonymous (OA) Meeting
6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Wednesdays. Does food rule your life? OA is a fellowship of people who share the common problem of overeating. Contact: 781-635-7209.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal
Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and artists examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6906.